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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The India-Pakistan Situation  
(Report #73 -- As of 6:00 AM EDT)

1. Trouble appears to be continuing in the Fazilka-Sulaimanke area, where the Indians are evidently attempting to improve their positions. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Pakistan believes the Indians are attempting to recover lost territory before the UN observers arrive in sufficient strength to police the cease-fire agreement. U Thant said yesterday that observers already on the spot had confirmed two breaches of the agreement, but he evidently does not feel them to be of great significance.

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2. In a radio speech yesterday Indian President Radhakrishnan stated that India will not permit a plebiscite in Kashmir. The President is a relative moderate on this issue, and his statement is another indication of the uncompromising Indian position on the plebiscite question.

3. The clandestine Voice of Kashmir radio, which claims to speak for the anti-Indian "freedom fighters" infiltrated into Indian-controlled Kashmir, claims that the infiltrators killed more than 200 Indian soldiers in the past 24 hours. This is almost certainly a greatly exaggerated figure, but Pakistan is likely to continue to publicize similar reports of "unrest" in Indian Kashmir.

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5. The US Embassy in New Delhi reports a conversation with a Soviet Embassy official who asked directly, "could the US Government cooperate with the Soviets at Tashkent by helping to get the two parties there, by taking part in the discussions, and by pressing jointly with the Soviets to persuade both parties to accept a 'most satisfactory' solution?" Ambassador Bowles believes the conversation has the earmarks of an unofficial feeler. The Soviet official also suggested that the USSR was especially unhappy about possible Chinese intervention in the conflict on the subcontinent because they feared the US would use such intervention as an excuse to launch a major attack on the Chinese mainland--thus forcing Moscow to aid Peking.

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